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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED: OPPOSITION TO THE ITSO
DIRECTOR GENERAL'S PUSH FOR AUTHORITY TO INITIATE
ARBITRATION AGAINST THE U.S. GOVERNMENT

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¶1. (SBU) Econoff delivered reftel demarche on the July 8-9 International Telecommunications Satellite Organization (ITSO) meeting to Ministry of Communications and Information Technology Director General of International Affairs Fareed Khashoggi. Khashoggi said his Ministry is not sending a delegate to the July 8-9 Extraordinary Assembly of the ITSO but will communicate its position through the Saudi Embassy in Rome.

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